

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 684

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 66010.4 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 684, as introduced, Block. Postsecondary education.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, specifies that public higher education consists of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, and sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66010.4 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 66010.4. The missions and functions of California's public
- 4 and independent segments, and their respective institutions of
- 5 higher education, shall be differentiated as follows:
- 6 (a) (1) The California Community Colleges ~~shall~~, as a primary
- 7 mission, *shall* offer academic and vocational instruction at the
- 8 lower division level for both younger and older students, including

1 those persons returning to school. Public community colleges shall
2 offer instruction through but not beyond the second year of college.
3 These institutions may grant the associate in arts and the associate
4 in science degree.

5 (2) In addition to the primary mission of academic and
6 vocational instruction, the community colleges shall offer
7 instruction and courses to achieve all of the following:

8 (A) The provision of remedial instruction for those in need of
9 it and, in conjunction with the school districts, instruction in
10 English as a second language, adult noncredit instruction, and
11 support services—~~which~~ *that* help students succeed at the
12 postsecondary level are reaffirmed and supported as essential and
13 important functions of the community colleges.

14 (B) The provision of adult noncredit education curricula in areas
15 defined as being in the state's interest is an essential and important
16 function of the community colleges.

17 (C) The provision of community services courses and programs
18 is an authorized function of the community colleges ~~so long as if~~
19 their provision is compatible with an institution's ability to meet
20 its obligations in its primary missions.

21 (3) A primary mission of the California Community Colleges
22 is to advance California's economic growth and global
23 competitiveness through education, training, and services that
24 contribute to continuous work force improvement.

25 (4) The community colleges may conduct to the extent that state
26 funding is provided, institutional research concerning student
27 learning and retention as is needed to facilitate their educational
28 missions.

29 (b) *The primary mission of the California State University is*
30 *undergraduate and graduate instruction through the masters*
31 *degree. The* ~~California State University~~ *university* shall offer
32 undergraduate and graduate instruction through the ~~master's~~
33 *masters* degree in the liberal arts and sciences and professional
34 education, including teacher education. Presently established
35 two-year programs in agriculture are authorized, but other two-year
36 programs shall be permitted only when mutually agreed upon by
37 the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of
38 Governors of the California Community Colleges. *The university*
39 *may award the doctoral degree* ~~may be awarded~~ jointly with the
40 University of California, as provided in subdivision (c) and

1 pursuant to Section 66904. The *university may also award the*
2 ~~doctoral degree may also be awarded~~ jointly with one or more
3 independent institutions of higher education, provided that the
4 proposed doctoral program is approved by the California
5 Postsecondary Education Commission. Research, scholarship, and
6 creative activity in support of its undergraduate and graduate
7 instructional mission is authorized in the California State University
8 and shall be supported by the state. ~~The primary mission of the~~
9 ~~California State University is undergraduate and graduate~~
10 ~~instruction through the master's degree.~~

11 (c) The University of California may provide undergraduate
12 and graduate instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and in the
13 professions, including the teaching professions. It shall have
14 exclusive jurisdiction in public higher education over instruction
15 in the profession of law and over graduate instruction in the
16 professions of medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. It has
17 the sole authority in public higher education to award the doctoral
18 degree in all fields of learning, except that it may agree with the
19 California State University to award joint doctoral degrees in
20 selected fields. The University of California shall be the primary
21 state-supported academic agency for research.

22 (d) The independent institutions of higher education shall
23 provide undergraduate and graduate instruction and research in
24 accordance with their respective missions.